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Honorable Laura Taylor Swain
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: David Hobson Defendant

Dear Judge Swain:

I am writing to you in support of David Hobson. I know Dave on both a personal and a professional level, as Dave has been a personal friend of mine for 18 years, as well as my financial advisor.

Dave's wife Cathy and I have been best friends since college. We have celebrated the happiest of times together and have supported each other during the lowest points in life.

Those who know Dave know that he is a good husband, son, friend and neighbor. Dave and Cathy do not have any children but they have been wonderful caregivers to their 3 Yorkshire Terriers. Dave passionately believes in the human treatment of animals.

Dave is the primary caretaker of his elderly mother and father. He has had a difficult few years, particularly watching the deterioration of his mother's health, who suffers from a form of dementia. Dave helped his mother stay in her own home for as long as she could, until the disease progressed to the point where 24 hour supervision was needed. David still visits his mother regularly and is responsible for overseeing the care that she receives at the facility.

From a professional perspective, Dave has been my trusted financial advisor. As a professional advisor Dave really listened to me and had taken my concerns and personal financial goals into consideration when making decisions pertaining to my account.

I recently enjoyed a long lunch with Cathy and Dave where he expressed sorrow and regrets for the misstep that he has taken. He knows he has a tough road ahead but is hopeful that he can rebuild his life and earn back the trust and confidence of those he has let down.

Dave has always been hardworking and good natured with a kind demeanor. He is truly a quality person, which makes his current situation very sad and I hope the sentence imposed is lenient.

Respectfully,

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